

Dear Sirs,

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election, run ads that blatantly lie about Kerry, and refuse to run Democratic ads has shown that media consolidation and monopolization of the airwaves is endangering our freedoms and representative form of government by interfering with our election process.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But they have gravely failed us and are flagrantly abusing their FCC licenses. We need to restore FCC regulations to full force and to divest our TV and radio stations from corporate ownership as they were before the Reagan administration. We need to heavily fine and revoke licenses of television and radio stations who have abused their broadcasting privileges. We need to restore truly fair and balanced unbiased media coverage to the election and other issues so that our citizens can have accurate, complete and truthful information upon which to base their decisions and effectively participate in our representative form of government.

Sinclair's actions in using the airwaves to promote partisan propaganda, on a scale that Pravda and the Nazis would approve of with Sinclair's big lies, show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules and cease the give-away of licenses to irresponsible hate mongers, corporations using the media to further their investments. We must restore responsible journalism to provide a truly free press in television and radio to preserve and protect a free nation.

Sincerely,
Sue Bennett